EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA CONCERNING

COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF THE PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, AND THE PROMOTION OF DEFENSE AND MILITARY RELATIONS

Pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova Concerning Cooperation in the Area of the Prevention of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, and the Promotion of Defense and Military Relations of June 23, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement'), the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova hereby agree to extend the agreement for five years until June 23, 2007. This extension shall enter into force upon signature, with effect from June 23, 2002.

Done in Washington, this 14 day of April , 2003, and in Chisinau, this day of May, 2003, in duplicate, two original copies of each in the English and Moldovan languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Department of Defense of the United States of America

For the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova